II. Industry

Item	Unit	1987-88 anticipated achievement	1988-89 Proposed Target
Village & Small Industries-Production	Rs. lakhs	24386	25775
Production of Yarn	000 tonnes	0 57	0 69
Handloom Industry-Production.	Million Mts.	220	220
Production of raw Silk.	000 Kgs.	1400	2083
Manufacturing of foot-wear & Leather goods	Rs. Lakhs	200	200
Finishing of leather	"	*170*	*170*

Generation of Electricity from an Empty Space

2334. SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE:
SHRI KAILASH PATI MISHRA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a report which appeared in the Statesman of 21st November, 1987 stating that an Indian Engineer, Shri Tiwari was awarded the first prize in West Germany in November last when he demonstrated there, at an international conference of about 1500 scientists, representatives of electrical firms, leading bankers, etc. that electricity could be extracted from empty space through his Space Power Generator (SPG), accomplishing a major breakthrough in energy generation; and

(b) if so, what help Government have given as yet or propose to offer in the near future for this project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Nuclear Power Corporation of India Ltd., a Public Sector Undertaking under the administrative control of the Department of Atomic Energy, is supporting Shri Tewari's endeavours.

Indian Prisoners in Pakistani Jails

2335. SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE:
SHRI KAILASH PATI MISHRA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Indian nationals who are at present languishing in Pakistani jails and since when;

(b) the number of cases which have been taken up by the Government of India with the Government of Pakistan for their release;

(c) the number of Indian nationals released during each of the last three years and during the current year so far; and